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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

1-19. (Canceled)

20. (currently amended) Structure comprising a thin layer (2) integral with a support, the thin layer (2) being a layer of conductive or semi-conductive material made insulating by ion implantation except for at least one zone (9) that allows a vertical electrical connection through the entire thickness of the thin layer (2) electrically connecting the support to a face of the thin layer opposite to the support, wherein said layer (2) and at least one zone (2) substantially have the same thickness.

- 21. (previously amended) Structure according to Claim 20, characterized in that the thin layer comprises a multitude of said zones, said multitude of zones being distributed over the entire surface of the thin layer.
- 22. (previously amended) Structure according to Claim 20, characterized in that the thin layer comprises one of said zone or a plurality of said zones concentrated to constitute at least one conductive path or at least one conductive track.
- 23. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 20, characterized in that the thin layer (2) is made integral with the support (3) through an intermediate conductive interface.

- 24. (previously amended) Structure according to Claim 23, characterized in that said intermediate conductive interface is constituted by a metal layer.
- 25. (previously amended) Structure according to Claim 24, characterized in that said metal layer is a layer of palladium.
- 26. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 23, characterized in that deposition of conductive bonding materials is associated with said intermediate conductive interface.
- 27. (original) Structure according to Claim 26, characterized in that the conductive bonding materials are successive deposits of titanium, nickel and gold.
- 28. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 20, characterized in that the thin layer (2) is made integral with the support (3) through the use of a brazing material.
- 29. (original) Structure according to Claim 28, characterized in that the brazing material is based on indium.
- 30. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 20, characterized in that the material of the thin layer (2) is chosen from among SiC, GaAs and InP.

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- 31. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 23, characterized in that the support (3) is made of silicon.
- 32. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 22, characterized in that the thin layer (2) is made integral with the support (3) through an intermediate conductive interface.
- 33. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 25, characterized in that deposition of conductive bonding materials is associated with said metal layer.
- 34. (previously amended) Structure according to claim 22, characterized in that the thin layer (2) is made integral with the support (3) through the use of a brazing material.
- 35. (previously added) Structure according to claim 29, characterized in that the material of the thin layer (2) is chosen from among SiC, GaAs and InP.
- 36. (previously added) Structure according to claim 29, characterized in that the support (3) is made of silicon.